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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Washington 25, D.C.

The Honorable  
The Secretary of Interior  
Department of the Interior  
Washington 25, D. C.

20 AUG 1948

Dear Mr. Secretary:

With reference to letters of 18 May and 15 June 1948 from Mr. Girard Davidson, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, budgetary restrictions will not permit the allocation of the total [redacted] requested for the fiscal year 1949 support of the National Intelligence Survey Program.

A total of [redacted] can be made available for this fiscal year, to be broken down as follows:

Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Mines  
Petroleum Economics Branch

[redacted]

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Subject to the agreement of the Department of Interior that the [redacted] will be utilized exclusively in support of the NIS Program under the coordination of this Agency through the designated representative of the Office of Reports and Estimates, these funds can be transferred immediately. You will be contacted separately with regard to provision in the CIA budget for support of your Department in meeting NIS requirements for succeeding fiscal years.

Your concurrence in the above is requested at the earliest practicable date.

Sincerely,

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

Concurred in:

/s/ C. Girard Davidson

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

24 August 1948

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